

**MAT 202**  
**Larson – Section 5.8**  
**Hyperbolic Functions**

In this section we will investigate a special class of *exponential functions* called *hyperbolic functions*. Even though the algebraic representation of these functions looks and sounds trigonometric, they really are exponential. The name hyperbolic function arose from comparing the area under the semicircle  $y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$  with the area under the hyperbola  $y = \sqrt{1 + x^2}$ . In finding these values, the inverse sine function is needed, as well as the inverse hyperbolic sine function.

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$$\sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$\operatorname{csch} x = \frac{1}{\sinh x}, \quad x \neq 0$$

$$\cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$\operatorname{sech} x = \frac{1}{\cosh x}$$

$$\tanh x = \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x}$$

$$\operatorname{coth} x = \frac{1}{\tanh x}, \quad x \neq 0$$

**So, what do these exponential functions look like?**

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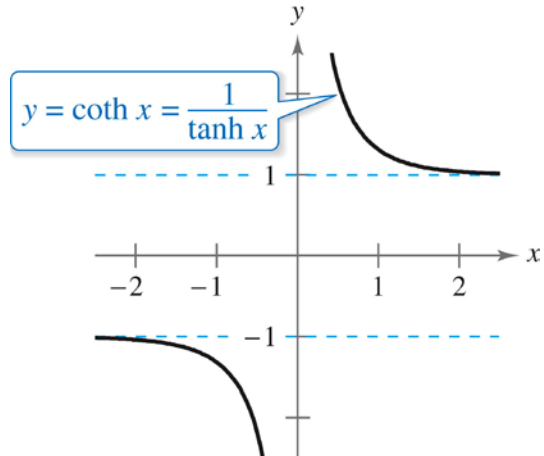
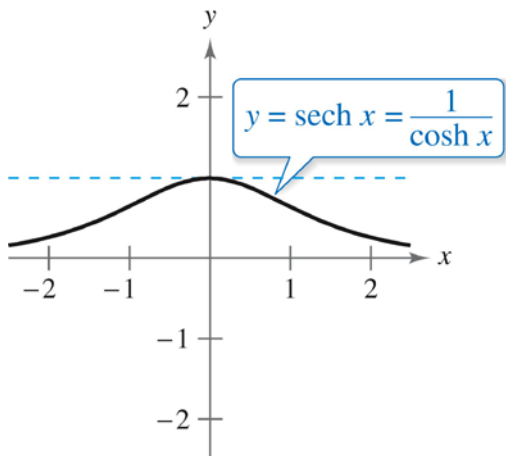
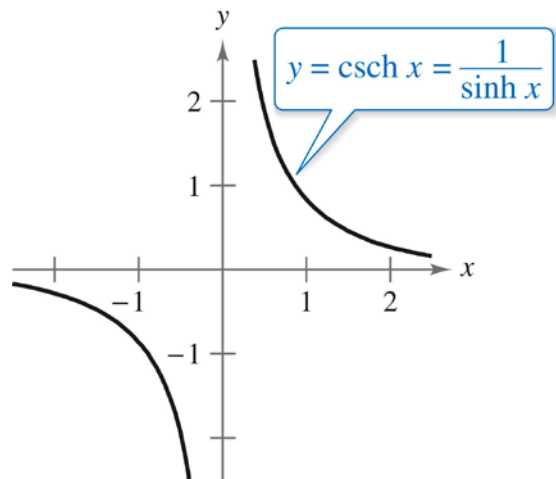
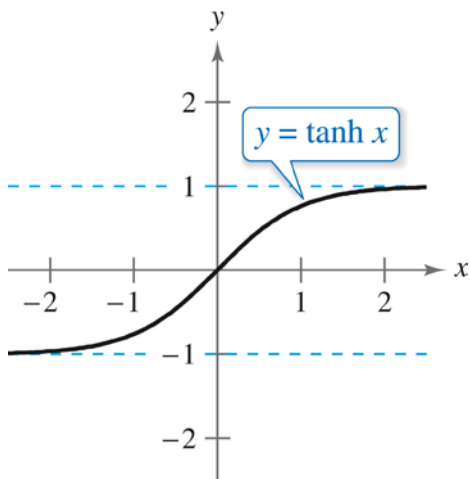
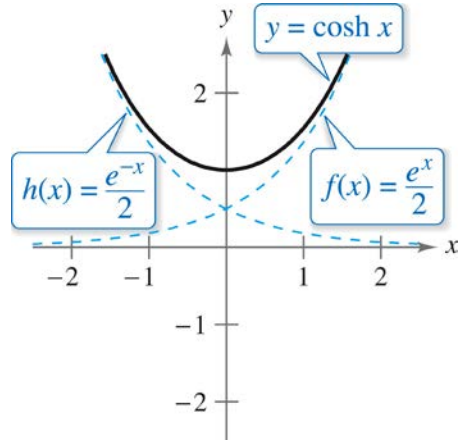
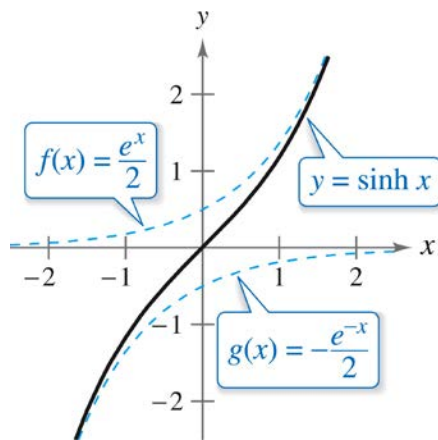
$$\sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \quad \operatorname{csch} x = \frac{1}{\sinh x}, \quad x \neq 0 \quad \frac{2}{e^x - e^{-x}}$$

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$$\tanh x = \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x} \quad \operatorname{coth} x = \frac{1}{\tanh x}, \quad x \neq 0 \quad \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{e^x - e^{-x}}$$

$$= \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$$

## Hyperbolic Functions Defined Graphically:



**Hyperbolic Identities:** (One of the many ways hyperbolic functions relate to trigonometric functions).

$$\cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x = 1$$

$$\tanh^2 x + \operatorname{sech}^2 x = 1$$

$$\coth^2 x - \operatorname{csch}^2 x = 1$$

$$\sinh(x + y) = \sinh x \cosh y + \cosh x \sinh y$$

$$\sinh(x - y) = \sinh x \cosh y - \cosh x \sinh y$$

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$$\sinh^2 x = \frac{-1 + \cosh 2x}{2}$$

$$\cosh^2 x = \frac{1 + \cosh 2x}{2}$$

$$\sinh 2x = 2 \sinh x \cosh x$$

$$\cosh 2x = \cosh^2 x + \sinh^2 x$$

Because the hyperbolic functions are written in terms of  $e^x$  and  $e^{-x}$ , we can easily find rules for their derivatives.

**Derivatives and Integrals of Hyperbolic Functions:** Let  $u$  be a differentiable function of  $x$ .

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\sinh u] = (\cosh u)u'$$

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$$\frac{d}{dx}[\tanh u] = (\operatorname{sech}^2 u)u'$$

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$$\frac{d}{dx}[\coth u] = -(\operatorname{csch}^2 u)u'$$

$$\int \operatorname{csch}^2 u \, du = -\coth u + C$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\operatorname{sech} u] = -(\operatorname{sech} u \tanh u)u'$$

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Even though we will not introduce, formally, the *inverse hyperbolic function* (which can be defined in a similar fashion as the inverse trigonometric function), we will use the following integration rules that can be derived by using inverse hyperbolic functions.

**Additional Integral Formulas:**

$$1. \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{u^2 \pm a^2}} du = \ln(u + \sqrt{u^2 \pm a^2}) + C$$

$$2. \int \frac{1}{a^2 - u^2} du = \frac{1}{2a} \ln \left| \frac{a+u}{a-u} \right| + C$$

$$3. \int \frac{1}{u\sqrt{a^2 \pm u^2}} du = -\frac{1}{a} \ln \left( \frac{a + \sqrt{a^2 \pm u^2}}{|u|} \right) + C$$

Ex: Use your calculator to compute the following. Round your answer to three decimal places:

a)  $\cosh(-2)$

b)  $\operatorname{csch}(\ln 2)$

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$$\sinh(2x) + \cosh(2x) = \frac{e^{2x} - e^{-2x}}{2} + \frac{e^{2x} + e^{-2x}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{e^{2x} - \cancel{e^{-2x}} + e^{2x} + \cancel{e^{-2x}}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{2}e^{2x}}{\cancel{2}} = e^{2x} \quad \square$$

Ex: Find the derivative of the following:

a)  $h(x) = \frac{1}{4} \sinh 2x - \frac{x}{2}$

b)  $g(x) = \operatorname{sech}^2 3x$

Ex: Find an equation of the tangent line to the graph of  $y = (\cosh x - \sinh x)^2$  at the point  $(0, 1)$ .

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$$h'(x) = \frac{1}{4} \cosh(2x) \cdot 2 - \frac{1}{2}$$

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$$b) \ g(x) = \operatorname{sech}^2 3x = (\operatorname{sech} 3x)^2$$

$$g'(x) = 2 (\operatorname{sech} 3x)' \cdot (-\operatorname{sech} 3x \tanh 3x \cdot 3)$$

$$g'(x) = -6 \operatorname{sech}^2 3x \tanh 3x$$

Ex: Find an equation of the tangent line to the graph of

$$y = (\cosh x - \sinh x)^2 \text{ at the point } (0, 1).$$

$$y' = 2(\cosh x - \sinh x)(\sinh x - \cosh x)$$

$$m = 2(\cosh(0) - \sinh(0))(\sinh(0) - \cosh(0))$$

$$m = 2(1 - 0)(0 - 1) = -2$$

$$y = -2x + 1$$

Ex: Find the following indefinite integrals:

a)  $\int \cosh^2(x-1) \sinh(x-1) dx$

b)  $\int \operatorname{sech}^2(2x-1) dx$

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$$a) \int \cosh^2(x-1) \sinh(x-1) dx$$

$$= \int (\cosh(x-1))^2 \sinh(x-1) dx$$

$$u = \cosh(x-1)$$

$$du = \sinh(x-1) dx$$

$$= \int u^2 du$$

$$= \frac{u^3}{3} + C$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{\cosh^3(x-1)}{3} + C}$$

$$b) \int \operatorname{sech}^2(2x-1) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \operatorname{sech}^2 u du$$

$$u = 2x - 1$$

$$du = 2 dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} du = dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \tanh u + C$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \tanh(2x-1) + C}$$

Ex: Evaluate the following:  $\int_0^1 \cosh^2 x \, dx$

$$\int \cosh^2 x \, dx = \int \frac{1 + \cosh 2x}{2} \, dx$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{2} \, dx + \frac{1}{2} \int \cosh 2x \, dx$$

$u = 2x$   
 $du = 2 \, dx$   
 $\frac{1}{2} du = dx$

$$= \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \int \cosh u \, du$$

$$= \left. \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{4} \sinh(2x) \right|_0^1$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{2}(1) + \frac{1}{4} \sinh(2) \right) - \left( 0 + \frac{1}{4} \sinh(0) \right)$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sinh(2)} \approx \boxed{1.407}$$